

The Honorable Ajit Pai  
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Dear Chairman Pai and Assistant Attorney General Delrahim,

We, the undersigned organizations, are deeply concerned that the proposed merger between T-Mobile and Sprint will harm Minnesota consumers and workers. As presently constructed, the proposed merger would result in less competition, higher prices for consumers, lower wages for wireless workers, and hundreds of jobs lost in our state. Meanwhile, it would not meaningfully change access to high-speed broadband for rural areas of our state. We urge you to block this merger as currently structured.

Eliminating the head-to-head competition between T-Mobile and Sprint would increase consumer prices by 10 to 20 percent, especially for price-conscious customers of the prepaid brands MetroPCS and Boost. Our members rely on wireless service for vital communications services and higher wireless rates and cell phone bills could mean no Internet access at all, widening the digital divide.

Additionally, the merger will lead to hundreds of lost jobs in Minnesota and lower wages for wireless workers. A detailed economic analysis by the Communications Workers of America (CWA) shows the merger would result in 272 lost jobs in Minnesota due to overlapping retail store closures. And a new study by the Economic Policy Institute and the Roosevelt Institute finds that the merger would reduce the wages of wireless workers by between \$520-\$3,276 annually.

We also see nothing in this merger to help rural areas of our state that need access to higher speed wireless service. Even Sprint and T-Mobile's own filings with the government indicate that even six years after the merger, 46 million Americans – largely in rural communities – would not have access to their high-speed wireless network.

We look to your agencies to ensure that mergers are good for working families and consumers in Minnesota and across the country. The T-Mobile/Sprint merger fails to meet that standard and should be opposed.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

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CWA MN State Council  
Education Minnesota  
Jewish Community Action  
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Sierra Club North Star Chapter  
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Cc: Attorney General Keith Ellison